

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-23 are pending in this application. Claims 11-23 were rejected.

The previous Office Action stated that "claim 13 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." As such claim 13 was merged into claim 11. Claim 11 also now includes the element of "a base plate." "A base plate" was added to provide antecedent basis for the later reference to "the base plate." Claim 11 is now believed to be allowable.

Claim 14 was amended to depend on claim 11, rather than the canceled claim 13.

To correct several antecedent basis errors, claim 17 was amended to clarify that the housing seal is a flexible housing seal, and claim 20 was amended to clarify that the flexible seal is also referring to the flexible housing seal.

Claims 12, 14-17, and 21-23 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 11 on which they depend.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. Further, it is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to Deposit Account No. 04-0525.

Respectfully,

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